



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 474

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House Bill No. 5879

House of Representatives, April 4, 2008

The Committee on Commerce reported through REP. BERGER of the 73rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PREVAILING WAGE POSTINGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 31-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

3 Every contractor or subcontractor performing work for the state or
4 any political subdivision of the state subject to the provisions of section
5 31-53 or 31-54 shall post for the duration of such work the prevailing
6 wages as determined by the Labor Commissioner in prominent and
7 easily accessible places at the site of work or at such place or places as
8 are used to pay its employees their wages.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	31-55
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CE Joint Favorable

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which makes changes to the posting of prevailing wage rates at state and municipal construction sites, has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5879*****AN ACT CONCERNING PREVAILING WAGE POSTINGS.*****SUMMARY:**

Current law requires contractors and subcontractors on state construction jobs subject to the state prevailing wage law to post the wage rates in prominent and easily accessible places at the work site or the places where they pay their employees. This bill expands this requirement to cover municipal construction jobs and specifies that contractors and subcontractors on state and municipal jobs must post the wage rates for the duration of the work.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

BACKGROUND***Prevailing Wage Law***

The state prevailing wage law requires contractors to pay the prevailing hourly wage, as determined by the state Labor Department, to all mechanics, laborers, or workers on state and municipal construction jobs. It applies to state and municipal (1) new construction projects of \$400,000 or more and (2) repair or remodeling jobs of \$100,000 or more. Penalties for violating the law include fines and suspension from bidding on future public projects.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/18/2008)